



## **IUCN-ELC Internship Programme**

- Are you a highly motivated individual looking for an internship?
- Are you studying environmental law or have strong environmental legal components in your studies?
- Are you in a post-secondary education institution or specializing in environmental law?
- Are you looking to gain experience in multicultural and international surroundings?

The internationally-renowned IUCN Environmental Law Centre accepts interns on a regular basis for periods of 3 months or more. The Centre is located in the international city of Bonn, Germany and is an integral part of the IUCN global Secretariat, whose headquarters are in Gland, Switzerland.

Together with the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, the ELC has a highly respected profile internationally, based on over 40 years of proven commitment to environmental law. The Observer status which has been awarded to IUCN by the United Nations allows the ELC to collaborate closely with the numerous UN agencies active in the environmental field. It has well-developed links with those intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations who have also made Bonn their headquarters, and was recognised by the German government as an organisation established by intergovernmental agreement in March 2017.

An internship with the ELC is meant to further the individual's practical experience in the field of environmental law, through assisting the ELC professional staff in the preparation of reports and projects (including research), conferences and workshops on the agenda of the Centre during the internship period. The ELC has an international staff and the intern will be working in a multicultural environment. The office language is English, however, other languages are clearly useful, in particular French and Spanish (also official languages of IUCN) and German. Throughout the internship, he/she will be able to have access to the extensive collection in the ELC Libraries, considered amongst the best in the world in the field of environmental law.

Bonn is an international city, centrally-located and bordering the Rhine River. Cologne and Frankfurt are close by and other major European cities such as Amsterdam, Brussels, Berlin and Paris are easily reached by train.

The ELC is non-profit and is thus not in a position to offer its interns remuneration. All interns therefore need to be self-funding. The ELC provides the interns with their own working space, including computer/internet access. At the start of an internship, the intern is assigned to an ELC professional staff member. The tasks assigned to the intern are intentionally varied, not only to allow the intern to gain experience at working within an international organization but also to maximise his/her contribution to the work and objectives of IUCN.

### **General Conditions**

ELC internships are appropriate for highly-motivated graduate students and young lawyers from around the world who have a background in environmental law and are engaged in studies with a significant environmental law component. With a view to contributing to their vocational training, the ELC places great importance on internships as a significant tool in supplementing the interns' knowledge and education with real hands-on experience, enabling them to understand the way in which an international organization functions and to broaden their knowledge and awareness in the field of environmental law.

Interns must:

- be between **20 and 30** years of age;
- be enrolled in a university, or higher level institution, either in environmental law or in a course of studies with a strong legal component;
- have a thorough knowledge of English (written & spoken) and knowledge of another language, preferably French or Spanish. German is also useful.
- be computer-literate, preferably with experience in data-bases and internet searches.

Should you have any questions, please contact us. If you wish to apply, we ask that you complete the application form and return it together with your *curriculum vitae* and supporting documents mentioned on our website.

